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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE WALTER J. STOESSEL, JR.
The Acting Secretary of State

SUBJECT: Negotiations with the PRC on Taiwan ARms Sales

The President has read the June 29 memorandum from the Secretary of State.

He has approved the proposed program of reassurances and sales to Taiwan.

He does not approve the option which involves affirming the "ultimate objective" of ending arms sales to Taiwan.

He approves the sending of an oral message to Deng, as amended below:

- The fourth paragraph on the first page is limited to its first sentence.
- The second paragraph on page 2 is modified to read:
"I am convinced that the elements to resolving the Taiwan arms question lie in the United States policy direction clearly signalled in draft proposals we have given your government and in the historic proposals your government has made to your countrymen on Taiwan over the past few years."
- The third paragraph on page two is eliminated.
- The last paragraph on page 2 and the first paragraph on page 3 are combined to read as follows:
"We have made clear to your government, through our proposals, that the United States will not seek to pursue a long-term policy of arms sales to Taiwan, nor to sell arms to Taiwan indefinitely. Moreover should you have any doubt regarding our future intentions, I can assure you that we have no intention to exceed, either in qualitative or quantitative terms, the levels supplied in recent years, since the establishment of diplomatic relations between our two countries; and I can tell you with equal certainty that the United States fully expects gradually to reduce its arms sales to Taiwan."

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-- The second (optional) paragraph on page 3 is eliminated.

In addition:

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- Ambassador Hummel should make clear to the PRC that if our final offer is rejected we will not be bound to abide by what we have offered during our negotiations. He should also informally state that, in the face of a PRC rejection of our good-faith offer, pressures for increased arms sales to Taiwan, that are certain to arise, ~~would be difficult to resist.~~
 - As a final point, Ambassador Hummel should state that if our offer is accepted, we would be pleased to exchange reciprocal visits with the People's Republic. We would suggest that Secretary Shultz visit the PRC within the next three months, and that we would hope to have Premier Zhao Ziyang visit the United States in the near future.

The new draft communique is approved, using the first version of paragraph 8.

It is requested that Ambassador Hummel take action with regard to these messages as soon as possible.

FOR THE PRESIDENT:

William P. Clark

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